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A Place to Know, Grow, and Show God's Love
July 2025 Newsletter

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July 2025 Prayer List

"Offer prayers and petitions in the Spirit all the time. Stay alert by hanging in there and praying for all believers." -Ephesians 6:18

Prayer Requests For Our Community & Beyond:

Our church, its ministries, and leadership.

Our country, our community, and our church leaders.

For those affected by injustice and violence in all the ways they present themselves.

All medical and emergency personnel.

The Kairos Prison Ministry.

The World with all its needs, near and far from us.

Our Men and Women in the Military:

Ryan Buckingham, nephew of Jane Bedell, US Army

Karl Buckingham, nephew of Jane Bedell, US Army

Tyler Buckingham, nephew of Jane Bedell, US Army

Bobby Marshburn, Ensign in the Navy

Mason McDaniel, Godson of Janni & Dynelle Martin, US Army

Major Scott Powell, son of Thomas Powell, US Army

Steven Wheeler, brother-in-law of Jan Roe

PFC Connor Legg, grandson of Jack Legg, US Army

Those in Assisted Living:

Gayle Pritchett

Brighter Mornings at the Shoals

7456 Hwy 82 Spur, Maysville, GA 30558

Janet Varner

4355 Georgetown Sq Apt. 202

Atlanta, GA 30338

Those at home:

Lucy Gailey

228 Honeysuckle Dr., Commerce, GA 30529

Dr. Don McFadden

119 University Dr., Commerce, GA 30529

Pat and Jimmy Purcell

108 Windy Hills Rd. Commerce, GA 30529

Prayers for Strength and Healing:

Ed Adams

Mitchell Adams

Jay Allen

Grant Anderson

Eddie Babb

Betty Baxter

Phillippe Berra

Ann Bolton

Elizabeth Brown

Joe Brown

Denis Cain

Willard Cartledge

Betty Corn

Bill Davis

Sonia Davis

Anna Diamond

George Evans

Cathy Fletcher

Kenny Hill

William Hitchcock

Steve Johnson

Philip Jones

Ezra King

Claudia Lacy

Dave Ladd

Ted Leichner

Linda Lamb

Doug Legg

Sanford Lewis

Tiffany Mathis

Mike Matthews

Charlotte Maxwell

Patsy McCall

Lewis McClellan

Lauren Morris

John Murphy

June Murphy

Pat Murphy

Billy Nash

Colleen Rios

Barry Roper

Stone Shirley

Steve Shoun

Calvin Smith

Faye Sullens

Lincoln Thomas

Lisa Till

Blakeley Waddell

Terry Wallis

Samantha Watson

Please contact the church office with any updates. Thank you!

Joys & Celebrations

If you have any joys or celebrations you'd like to share with the congregation please contact the church office at 706-340-8611 or office@cfmc.life

Trustee of the Month

Carine Griffeth

Counters

7/6	Dave Moon Lee Hagan
7/13	Al Fleming Tom Murphy
7/20	Bill Davis Ray Morris
7/27	Jimmy Bolton Elton Collins

Meetings

7/1	Altar Guild 6:00pm
7/10	Trustee 7:00pm
7/17	Finance 7:00pm
7/28	Administrative 7:00pm



There are two copies of the church directory located on the front pews in the Sanctuary. Please look at your information, before or after worship, to see if it is correct before we go to print. Make any corrections needed, then put a check mark next to your name (even if no corrections were made). Thank you!

Altar Guild

Annette Anderson

Mary Walters

David & Donna Shaner

Acolytes

7/6	Julia Crouch Manning Pittard
7/13	Anna Riley Phillips Marci Sweeney
7/20	Isabella Whitlock Liam Smith
7/27	Karen Hill Sara Hill

Children's Church

7/6	Remain in worship
7/13	Elizabeth Phillips
7/20	Joy Scott
7/27	Kristen Hill

We need two volunteers **each Sunday** to lead Children's Church. Please sign up on Realm Connect. We will be in touch with the curriculum. Thank you in advance!

Reminder, all must be in compliance with our church's updated Safe Sanctuary policy.

PLEASE NOTE

Monday and Wednesday group exercise class will be on hold until September. Thank you for understanding.

Happy Birthday

HAPPY Anniversary!

Oscar Samaniego	7/4
Avery Hux	7/5
Kristen Hill	7/8
Reed Cassidy	7/9
Brenda Meadows	7/16
Stephanie Barnett	7/17
Edward Adams	7/19
Leanne Wadsworth	7/20
Don McFadden	7/22
John Malner	7/23
Parker Moon	7/25
George Turk	7/26
Jimmy Hooper	7/28
Stephanie Carr	7/29
John Gaissert	7/30
Alison Hux	7/31

Betty and George Turk	7/1
Carolyn and David Stephenson	7/7
Lisa and Bob Marshburn	7/22
Anne and Al Fleming	7/25

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If your birthday and/or anniversary has not appeared in the church newsletter, please contact the church office, 706-340-8611 or office@cfmc.life with the correct information.



Food Bank Ministry

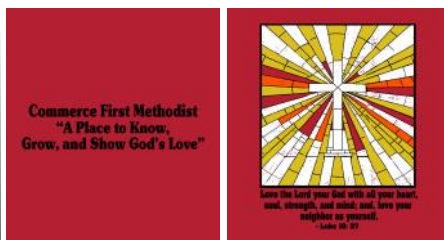
Did you know that Commerce First Methodist supports this important local ministry year round? You can help two ways:

- 1) Buy nonperishable food items, bring them to worship and leave the items in the basket in the sacristy.
- 2) Donate money. Make check payable to CFMC with "food bank" noted.

Please call the church office if you have any questions.

Commerce First Methodist Church T-Shirt

Church t-shirts are now available for purchase. We currently have medium, large, and extra-large in stock for \$15 a shirt. We plan on placing another order, so if you would like to purchase a different size, please email the church office.



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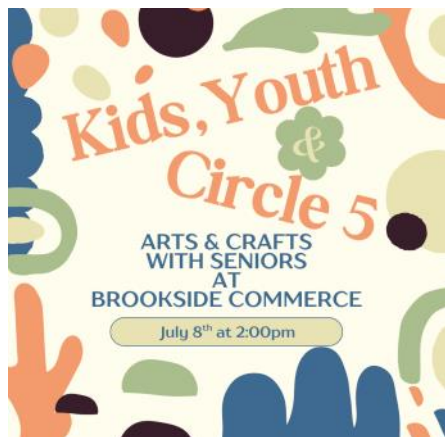
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Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind; and, love your neighbor as your self.

-Luke 10:27

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00a Coffee & Conversation 4p Pickleball/gym	2 5:30p FPU	3	4	5
6 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship	7	8 9:00a Coffee & Conversation 4p Pickleball/gym	9 5:30p FPU	10	11	12 7:00a iServe
13 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 12:15p Safe Sanctuary Training	14	15 9:00a Coffee & Conversation 4p Pickleball/gym	16 11:00a Beans, Franks & Bingo 5:30p FPU	17	18	19 9:30a SLM Main Event in Athens
20 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 1:00p Kaya-king/Tubing	21	22 9:00a Coffee & Conversation 4p Pickleball/gym	23 5:30p FPU	24	25	26
27 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5pm Back to School Bash	28	29 9:00a Coffee & Conversation 4p Pickleball/gym	30 5:30p FPU	31		



Kids, Youth & Circle 5

All kids and youth are invited to Brookside Commerce on Tuesday, July 8th at 2:00pm to help with Circle 5's monthly mission project. They will provide snacks, crafts, and games for the residents at Brookside to participate in. This is a fun time for both the residents and for our church members. Parents please note that transportation to the facility will not be provided.



Safe Sanctuary Training

Safe Sanctuaries is guidance for preventing abuse of children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Pastor April is holding a Safe Sanctuary training after worship on July 13th (meeting won't last past 1:30pm). **All adults are encouraged to attend, even if you don't "work" with children or youth directly.** Please plan to join her in the FLC and remember to bring a sack lunch, tea and lemonade will be provided.



Beans, Franks & Bingo

Join us on Wednesday, July 16th from 11:00am-1:00pm for Beans, Franks and Bingo!! Sign up is not required.



Kids, Youth & Young at Heart

Children, youth and the young at heart are invited to go tubing or kayaking on the Broad River in Royston on Sunday, July 20th from 1-5pm. Youth do not have to have parents stay with them if they are with a youth leader, but families are invited. All children attending need to with their families with on the outing. Please bring sunscreen and wear water shoes!

July 2025 Trustees Flash

The Board of Trustees is excited to share several important updates as we continue our mission to take care of God's house.

Rental House Improvements

We're pleased to report significant improvements to our rental house property. The house now features a brand-new driveway off Victoria Street, providing better access and curb appeal. Inside, we've completely updated the master bathroom with modern fixtures and finishes, and the entire interior has received a fresh coat of paint throughout. These enhancements not only improve the living experience for our tenants but also help maintain the property's value as an important source of income for our church ministries.

Church Building Updates

Our commitment to maintaining beautiful and functional worship and educational spaces continues with several important improvements. We're in the process of replacing worn carpet in the choir room area and our upstairs classrooms, creating fresh, clean environments for our music ministry and educational programs. Additionally, we're addressing ceiling repairs in these same areas to ensure our facilities remain safe and attractive for all who use them.

We apologize for any inconvenience that these improvements may cause.

Phase 1 Project Progress

Our Phase 1 project continues to move forward steadily. We've reached out to twelve contractors for bids on this important initiative, and we're pleased to report strong interest from the construction community. Seven companies have already submitted their proposals, and we're awaiting responses from three additional contractors. Two companies declined to bid.

The Trustees will now begin the detailed evaluation process, carefully reviewing each proposal to ensure we select the best partner for this significant undertaking. We appreciate your continued prayers as we make these important decisions for our church's future.

Facility Maintenance Update

As responsible stewards of our church facilities, we continue to address maintenance needs as they arise. We're currently dealing with a refrigerant leak in the HVAC coil located near the ramp at our Education Building. This issue has been ongoing for several months, and our contractor, Simmons, has recommended replacing the coil to ensure reliable climate control for our educational spaces.

The Trustees are carefully evaluating our options to address this need while being mindful of our budget and other priorities. We'll keep you updated as we move forward with this decision.

Looking Ahead

As we enter the summer months, we remain committed to maintaining and improving our facilities while advancing our mission in the community. Each of these projects and initiatives reflects our dedication to creating spaces where faith can flourish and community can gather.

Thank you for your ongoing support, prayers, and patience as we navigate these various projects and decisions. Your partnership makes all our ministry possible, and we're grateful to serve alongside you.

-Linda Exley



Join us as we kick off another school year through our annual Back to School Bash on July 27th at 5pm! If you would like to help provide school supplies that will be used to fill up the backpacks, see the school supply list. Please drop off supplies to the FLC by July 25th. These backpacks will be given to our local community schools for students in need and are a great way to give back to our community. After we finish putting the backpacks together, we will share a meal together. Everyone is welcome!!!

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

- 24 PACK CRAYOLA CRAYONS
- 2 PRE-SHARPENED PENCILS
- CAP ERASERS
- BLACK PENS
- RED PENS
- PACK OF 4 EXPO MARKERS-WIDE TIP
- PACK OF 4 EXPO MARKERS-FINE TIP
- PLASTIC SCHOOL BOX OR PENCIL CASE
- SCISSORS
- GLUE STICKS (NO SCENTS OR GLITTER)
- SINGLE SUBJECT SPIRAL NOTEBOOK
- LOOSELEAF PAPER-WIDE & COLLEGE RULED
- 3 INCH BINDER
- FOLDERS WITH POCKETS
- FOLDERS WITH POCKETS & PRONGS
- HEADPHONES OR EAR BUDS
- CLOROX WIPES

Lay Leadership—Here to Serve!

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